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A.P. STATE ELECTION COMMISSION
1st Floor, New HODs Building, M.G. Road, Vijayawada-520010.

NOTIFICATION

No. 30/SEC-B2/2021

Date: 11.02.2021

WHEREAS, the State Election Commission issued Notifications on 23.01.2021, 25.01.2021 and 28.01.2021 for conduct of Ordinary Elections to Gram Panchayats in the State in 4 Phases;

AND WHEREAS, the State Election Commission increased the hours of polling and fixed the polling time from 6.30 AM to 3.30 PM to observe precautions / measures like social distancing, etc., due to COVID pandemic situation;

AND WHEREAS, the Collector and District Election Authority, Vizianagaram vide Letter No.80/2021/A3, dtd.11.02.2021 requested the State Election Commission to change the closing time of poll from 03.30 PM to 01.30 PM in respect of (4) Gram Panchayats, i.e., (1) Moduga Gram Panchayat in Pachipenta Mandal; (2) Kodama Gram Panchayat (Monangi @ Muni Village) of Salur Mandal; (3) Sampangipadu (Dalaivalasa Village, H/o. Kurukutti GP) of Saluru Mandal; and (4) Kuntusu Gram Panchayat of Komarada Mandal going to Poll in Phase-II on 13.02.2021, stating that these are infested by Maoist activity / Extremist affected Gram Panchayats;

AND WHEREAS, the State Election Commission after careful examination of the matter, decided to fix the closing time of poll at 1.30 PM, instead of 3.30 PM, in respect of (4) Gram Panchayats, i.e., (1) Moduga Gram Panchayat in Pachipenta Mandal; (2) Kodama Gram Panchayat (Monangi @ Muni Village) of Salur Mandal; (3) Sampangipadu (Dalaivalasa Village, H/o. Kurukutti GP) of Saluru Mandal; and (4) Kунtesu Gram Panchayat of Komarada Mandal going to Poll in Phase-II on 13.02.2021, for the security reasons expressed by the Collector and District Election Authority, Vizianagaram;

NOW, THEREFORE, the State Election Commission, in exercise of the powers conferred under Article 243K of the Constitution of India, Section 200(1), Section 201-A(1), sub-sec.(2) of Section 13 and sub-sec.(2) of Section 14 of the Andhra Pradesh Panchayat Raj Act, 1994 (Act 13 of 1994), hereby, changes the closing time of poll from 3:30 PM to 1:30 PM in respect of (4) Gram Panchayats, i.e., (1) Moduga Gram Panchayat in Pachipenta Mandal; (2) Kodama Gram Panchayat (Monangi @ Muni Village) of Salur Mandal; (3) Sampangipadu (Dalaivalasa Village, H/o. Kurukutti GP) of Saluru Mandal; and (4) Kунtesu Gram Panchayat of Komarada Mandal going to Poll in Phase-II on 13.02.2021, for the security concerns expressed by the Collector & District Election Authority, Vizianagaram. As a consequence thereof, the State Election Commission re-notifies the schedule of poll and the subsequent activities in respect of the above-mentioned (4) Gram Panchayats as indicated below.

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| 1. | Conduct of Poll | 13.02.2021 (From 6.30 AM to 1.30 PM) |
| 2. | Counting of Votes | 13.02.2021 (From 2.00 PM onwards) |
| 3. | Declaration of Results | Soon after the completion of counting of votes |
| 4. | (a) Date of conduct of election of Upa-Sarpanch under Sec.14 (10) of A.P. Panchayat Raj, 1994. | On the same date on which results are declared. |
| | (b) If for any reason, the election of Upa-Sarpanch is not held on the date aforesaid, it shall be held on the next day, whether or not it is a holiday observed by the Gram Panchayat. | |

Wide publicity shall be given by the District Administration of Vizianagaram District in the polling areas concerned in order to ensure that the change in the closing time of poll and other subsequent events are known to the voters and contesting candidates in those Gram Panchayats.

Vijayawada,
12.2.2021.

Dr. N. Ramesh Kumar
State Election Commissioner